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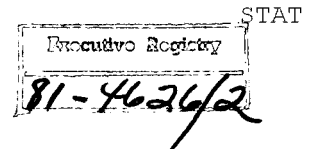
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1. [REDACTED]'s account of the events involved in the issue at hand is highly selective and, therefore, misleading. STAT

2. The decision that [REDACTED] should return to FBIS reflects the judgment of the Office of Political Analysis that he had not demonstrated either the skills required of a political analyst or the promise that he could develop such skills. The timing of his return (three months short of the agreed rotational tour) resulted from his decision to ignore established Agency procedures and to levy a charge of "suppressing intelligence"--one of the most severe charges that can be made against an intelligence organization--to a staff member of the SSCI instead of expressing his concerns to a responsible official of the Agency. STAT

3. [REDACTED] shortcomings as an analyst caused the problems and delays associated with trying to get his analysis out. His initial products, dealing with narrow and factual topics, were acceptable as a first effort. But when he took on the more complex problem of the M-19 it became obvious that his writing, organization, and use of information simply were not up to even the minimum standards required for publication. As a result [REDACTED] deputy division chief, in addition to his branch chief, began working directly with him on his analytical and writing problems. The final product of this effort was published on 15 May. STAT

[REDACTED] action in going outside the Agency and charging a suppression of intelligence--a fact that he does not mention in his memorandum of 15 June--came to my attention on 30 April. At that time I was informed that Mr. Angelo Codevilla, a staff member of the SSCI, had told an OLC officer about an unnamed OPA analyst who claimed that the Agency was suppressing intelligence on the Colombian M-19 group's ties with Cuba. We then determined that M [REDACTED] was the employee who had talked to Mr. Codevilla, who is a neighbor. STAT

5. On 4 May, the Director and Deputy Director of OPA [REDACTED] three supervisors in OPA's LA Division, and Mr. Di Cola met to discuss this. STAT

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matter. In view of the gravity [redacted] charge, OPA asked for an IG investigation. The bottom line conclusion of the IG report was that there was no willful suppression of intelligence relating to the Cuban M-19 connection.

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6. Following the IG report, NFAC determined that the mutual mistrust that had been engendered both [redacted] poor judgment in making his charge to Mr. Codevilla without having informed any senior Agency personnel of his concern and by his continuing conviction that the problem was one of substantive bias made completion of his rotational assignment as an OPA analyst untenable for all the parties concerned. Thus, on 15 Ju [redacted] re-turned to FBIS.

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/s/ JOHN N. McMABON

John McMahon

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